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As you requested, enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary  
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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS, PROGRAM, OR SYSTEM  
OF SECRET INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 as follows.

3. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2],  
wherein said storing circuit further has converting means for  
converting said secret information forming information into  
another secret information forming information, and

said another secret information forming information  
is information for allowing said secret information forming  
information processing means to output the same processing  
result as said processing result.